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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: SEIJI NISHIOKA ET AL.

APPLICATION NO.: 09/788,047

FILED: FEBRUARY 16, 2001

FOR: **ACETIC ANHYDRIDE, METHOD OF PURIFYING CRUDE
ACETIC ANHYDRIDE, AND METHOD OF PRODUCING
POLYOXYTETRAMETHYLENE GLYCOL USING ACETIC
ANHYDRIDE**

EXAMINER: RABON SERGENT

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OFFICE OF PETITIONS

REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL AS ATTORNEY (37 C.F.R. § 10.40(c))

Commissioner for Patents
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Attention: Director, Group

Sir:

REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO WITHDRAW

1. I, an attorney signing below, respectfully request permission to withdraw from all further responsibility in this case, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.36.

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF CLIENT

2. The last known mailing address of the inventors' Japanese representative is: Yoshikawa International Patent Office, Murahama Bldg., 6F, 4-9-19, Higashinoda-cho, Miyakojima-ku, Osaka, 534-0024, JAPAN

BASIS FOR WITHDRAWAL REQUEST

3. The basis for the request for withdrawal is 37 C.F.R. §10.40(c).

In May of 2002, the undersigned moved his practice from the firm of Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly LLP to the offices of Perkins Coie LLP. The Applicant chose to have the firm of Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly LLP continue to prosecute its patent matters. The undersigned has not been the attorney of record for any matters for this Applicant, since approximately May 2002.

ALLOWANCE OF TIME FOR CLIENT TO ACT

4. Status of this Application

A. Response due (if any)

- (i) ☐ There is no outstanding term for response.
(ii) ☒ There was an outstanding term for response that expired on February 12, 2004.
(iii) ☐ Also submitted herewith, is a response to the outstanding Official Action.

B. Time Left for Response

Therefore, the amount of time for response (including extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)):

- ☐ is at least
☐ cannot be calculated because this case is/will now be awaiting action by the PTO.

NOTIFICATION OF CLIENT

5. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 10.40(a), a copy of this request, including attachments, is being sent to the client.

A copy of the letter to Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly, LLP dated September 17, 2003, is attached.

Note: A practitioner shall not withdraw from employment without giving due notice to his or her client, 37 C.F.R. § 10.40(a).

NUMBER OF COPIES OF REQUEST

6. This request is enclosed in triplicate.

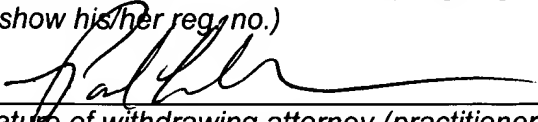
Note: To expedite the handling of request for permission to withdraw as attorney under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36 submit the request in triplicate (original and two copies) Notice of September 3, 1985 (1058 O.G. 32).

SIGNATURE(S) OF WITHDRAWING ATTORNEY(S) (PRACTITIONER(S))

Note: Each attorney of record must sign the notice of withdrawal or the notice of withdrawal must contain a clear indication of one attorney signing on behalf of another. M.P.E.P. § 402.06, 6th ed., rev. 3.

8. Signature(s) of the attorney(s) withdrawing (or signature of an authorized attorney on behalf of an attorney withdrawing):

(List all the attorneys and registration numbers, appearing on declaration or power, as appropriate. An authorized attorney signing on behalf of a withdrawing attorney should also show his/her reg. no.)



Signature of withdrawing attorney (practitioner)

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(type or print name of withdrawing attorney (practitioner) and registration number)

Respectfully submitted,
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Date: April 4, 2004


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